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VTS Spring Rummage Sale: Sunday, June 14th



Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Rummage Sales are a critical source of support for many Temple projects. Much needed improvements to our kitchen were made possible because of Rummage Sale proceeds. Please support the upcoming rummage sale by cleaning out your closets!

Drop-off in Social Hall starting June 8th

- During Temple hours
- By appointment
- Someone will pick up your items and bring them here for you if you need help.

Items dropped off before the 8th MUST be placed in the downstairs classroom! Do NOT leave items upstairs!!!

Help is always needed and appreciated with set-up and sale day! Teens looking for community service hours are welcome!! For further information or to volunteer, please contact rummage@vassartemple.org or Roni Stein at 223-5804 or roniagt99@aol.com.

Rummage Co-Chairs: Roni Stein, Ann Lerman & Lisa-Sue Quackenbush

Mitzvah Day: May 3rd

- 9:00am: Free Kickoff Bagel Breakfast/Sign-In at HVCC
- 10:00am: most service projects begin at community sites or the HVCC and most are done by lunchtime.
- **Pre-register by 4/16 and get a free hat; free lunch guaranteed to those who pre-register**
- reserve free child care/Mitzvah experience for your 18mos.-5yr olds

Sign up for projects that are right for you, whatever your age or interests may

be. Families welcome! Meet adorable, adoptable pets & get your car washed at the HVCC. Come rain or shine!

Info & registration at www.jewishdutchess.org or see front page and centerfold of the April *Voice* for more details & to register. Come rain or shine! For further info contact Lenora Koffman at jfs@jewishdutchess.org or Marian Schwartz at socialaction@vassartemple.org.

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The Officers and Board of Trustees

and the Families of the Confirmands

cordially invite you to attend

CONFIRMATION SERVICES

Sunday, June 7, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Rabbi: Confirmation



The old Union Prayer Book – the *siddur* of my youth – utilized classic “King James” English for most of the prayers. Lots of ‘Thys’ and ‘Thous.’

The prayer following the Sh’ma – we chant it in Hebrew in our Vassar Temple – would be read, “And thou shalt love the Lord Thy God...” Toward the end, we would get to the line: “Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes.” *Frontlets?* What are *frontlets*, we asked the rabbi. The rabbi explained that the Hebrew word is *totafot*, and nobody knows exactly what *totafot* are. So, he concluded, why not translate one word whose meaning is uncertain with another whose meaning is equally uncertain!

This problem with meaning arises, at least for me, every year with the coming of the service called *Confirmation*. Unlike *frontlets* and *totafot*, the word *confirmation* has an accessible meaning. What, however, is its relationship to the service that goes by its name? What is being *confirmed*? Sure, just as I can give a plausible elucidation for the term ‘frontlets,’ I can come up with some explanation for the

appropriateness of *confirmation*. In truth, however, it is not necessary, or necessarily the case.

Vassar Temple’s Confirmation Service takes place at the end of the school year and involves mostly students completing Tenth Grade. It is the historic continuation of a ritual developed in the mid-nineteenth century by early Reformers. They were unhappy with Bar Mitzvah (there was no Bat Mitzvah then) because it focused on the individual. They, therefore, substituted a group ceremony that – for boys and girls! – would be held at the end of the school year. Initially, the practice was held for thirteen-year-olds, or at the end of Seventh Grade. Over time, the age has risen.

Confirmation for a student in High School, however, does mean something different than when the service began. Sixteen-year-olds are young, but more mature, than a thirteen-year-old. It is possible at this age to think more seriously about the questions: Who am I? How do I belong? What is my purpose in life?

Further, High School is the stepping-stone to college, when most students have their first experience of independent living; making choices without the support, permission or protection of parents. Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a traditional event. It can be,

and for many children, is indeed meaningful. Confirmation, however, comes along just at the beginning of real adulthood. It is truly a taste of things to come.

Finally, let me add that Confirmation is very much a congregational event. A Bar/Bat Mitzvah takes place at a public service, but most of the attendees feel a direct relationship to the child or the family. Confirmation reaches beyond individual families. The congregation as a whole comes to see the initial budding of the next generation of literate Jewish adults. All-in-all, Confirmation is a significant event. What it has to do with *confirming* something, I cannot tell you.

Vassar Temple’s Confirmation Service is not being held in May, but rather on Sunday, June 7th. Thus, there will be further information about it in next month’s Bulletin. I write about it now so that you can set aside the date. This is the last such service at which I will officiate. It might not confirm anything for the students who participate, but it certainly confirms for me that a vibrant, thoughtful, open Jewish life will be in good hands in the future.

Rabbi Paul Golomb

Help Wanted

A long time member of Vassar Temple, who is also very active, said to me the other day, “Our Temple is very lucky to have so many volunteers. Volunteers do so many things for us, whereas in many other temples, they have to pay professionals.” She’s right. Vassar Temple is blessed. But those who are doing the mitzvahs, the volunteers, need help!



Don’t get me wrong. The volunteers are not complaining (at least not for the most part). It is a labor of love. We love Vassar Temple and we love serving you, our friends and their families. We don’t begrudge anyone because it is our choice to be volunteers. And we receive joy and satisfaction from our efforts. The volunteers support one another, and we’ve made new rich relationships with good

people who share our values and appreciate our contributions. Frankly, we are as blessed *for* our volunteerism as Vassar Temple is blessed *by* its volunteers. But we’d also like to share the joy, if you know what I mean.

It only takes a small amount of your time, which is always optional. Maybe you like to cook. Maybe you’re handy with tools. Perhaps you like music. Some of you have professional skills in fields which the Temple could benefit from: business, accounting or finance, law, or education. If gardening is your thing or you do website development, or you’d simply be willing to lend a hand setting up for a family dinner, there’s a welcoming place for a few hours of your time once in a while.

Here’s the thing: it’s about your mindset. Vassar Temple is your temple! It’s your house of worship. It’s yours! When you walk in to the Temple, think of it

that way! Take emotional ownership of it! Claim it - you have as much right to it as anyone. Take pride in it. Feel at home when you walk in the door. Look around. Explore. Enter the different rooms. Touch it. Absorb and take in the feeling of the different spaces. Sit, listen, read, talk, mingle. Study the pictures on the wall. Go to the kitchen, open your fridge and pour yourself some juice if you’re thirsty.

There is a something special and extraordinary about having a relationship with your temple - especially Vassar Temple; because Vassar Temple truly is a blessing. Vassar Temple is blessed by those who understand that. And we do need your help. You’ll discover joy and satisfaction if you choose give us a hand! Give me a call personally and tell me what you like to do. My cell phone is 845-902-8481.

May Worship Services

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| 1 | 7:30pm Shabbat evening worship with Rabbi Golomb |
| 2 | 9:00am Torah study; 10:00am Shabbat morning service celebrating the Aufruf of Steven Mamis |
| 8 | 7:30pm Shabbat evening worship; a celebration of Jewish music in memory of Gayle Margolin |
| 9 | 9:00am Torah study; 10:00am Shabbat morning service. Jack Sims will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah |
| 15 | 7:30pm The Annual Sisterhood and Generations Shabbat service |
| 16 | No Torah study; 10:00am New Paths Shabbat morning service |
| 22 | 7:30pm Shabbat evening worship with Rabbi Golomb and Elisa Dugatkin |
| 23 | 9:00am Torah study |
| | 8:00pm Shavuot evening service, followed by the Shavuot study with Rabbis Golomb, Barnett, Hyman and Polish: <i>Finding Ourselves in the Text</i> |
| 24 | 10:00am Shavuot morning service and Yizkor |
| 29 | 7:30pm Shabbat evening worship and a special farewell Oneg Shabbat hosted by Rabbi Paul and Debbie Golomb |
| 30 | 9:00am Torah study; 10:00am New Paths Shabbat morning service |

Scriptural Readings

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| May 2 | <i>Aharei-K'doshim</i> Lev. 17:8 – 19:14; Amos 9:7-15 |
| 9 | <i>Emor</i> Lev. 22:17 – 23:22; Ezekiel 44:15-31 |
| 16 | <i>B'har-B'hukotai</i> Lev. 25:39 – 26:46, 27:32-34; Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14 |
| 23 | <i>Bamidbar</i> Numbers 2:1 – 3:13; Hosea 2:1-22 |
| 30 | <i>Naso</i> Num. 5:11 – 6:27; Judges 13:2-25 |

New Paths Services

Join us at the next New Paths services on Saturdays, May 16th and 30th at 10:00am at Vassar Temple. The focus is on letting the service get through you, rather than on getting through the service. The atmosphere has been described by participants as spiritual, uplifting, and thought provoking. The moving liturgy of the New Paths prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English, and participants may bring supplemental materials to share. Each New Paths service, whether lay led or rabbi led, provides a unique and thoughtful shabbat morning experience. A brief informal kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb at rabbi@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570.

VTS Generations Shabbat Service and Dinner

Be sure to come to Temple for services at 7:30pm on May 15th when we will both honor long-time members of our Temple and celebrate the contributions of our Sisterhood. Members of Sisterhood will lead the service, during which everyone who has been a member of the congregation for 40 or more years will be recognized.

A special family dinner will take place prior to the Sisterhood/Generations Shabbat service. Come enjoy a delicious, catered, sabbath dinner (with vegetarian

option), including salad and challah.

- \$10.00/ adult, \$5.00 age 5-13, under 5 free
- Pre-payment is requested.
- Watch Temple publicity for menu details.

Please RSVP for the dinner by May 11th to LBrundage@frontiernet.net. Those who are being recognized as a “Generations Member” are invited to be our guests (no charge) at the dinner, but must RSVP.

Please see the article about the

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

on page 7



Mazel tov

to:

Tamara and Adrian Gruszko on their daughter, Mariel, receiving a prestigious Fulbright scholarship;

Harry & Sandra Mamis on their son Steven's upcoming marriage to Michele;

Barry Pfeifer & Kristy Grimes on their son Lucas Pfeifer's Bar Mitzvah;

Ron & Marilyn Rosen on the birth of their new granddaughter, Arianna Rosen, born to Bob Rosen and Kelly Heady;

Dr. Kenneth & Amy Horn Oclatis on becoming first time grandparents soon;

Jeff & Beth Sims on their son Jack's Bar Mitzvah;

Evan Gally on becoming an Eagle Scout.

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Refuah Shelemah

Jen Dahnert is recuperating from knee surgery.

Musical Tribute to Gayle Margolin

During the May 8th Friday night service, there will be a special musical tribute to Gayle Margolin, who for several years led the "Little Voices" choir of Vassar Temple Religious School students. Some of the songs she taught will be performed in her memory on this night, her first Yahrzeit.

May Pulpit Flowers

- May 1: Donated by Harry & Sandra Mamis in honor their son, Steven Mamis & Michelle Davis' Aufruf
- May 8: Donated by Todd & Beth Sims in honor of their son Jack Sims' Bar Mitzvah
and Lisa Sue and Kurt Quackenbush in memory of Gayle Margolin
- May 15: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- May 22: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- May 29: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

Updated Pulpit Flowers Donations of the Immediate Past:

- Feb.20: Donated by David & Marilyn Lampell in honor of the Youth Group
- Mar.13: Donated by Marian & Ralph Schwartz in honor of Joint Shabbaton
- Mar. 20: Donated by Rabbi Paul & Debbie Golomb in honor of their children, Tal & Rivka
- Mar. 27: Donated by Alan & Meredith Kflowitz in honor of their fathers, Harvey Kflowitz and William Rothstein
- April 10: Donated by CJ Kelly in memory of Joe Lucas
- April 17: Donated by Barry Pfeifer & Kristy Grimes in honor of their son, Lucas Pfeifer's Bar Mitzvah

We Need Your Help!

We are, once again, asking that you be the eyes and ears in the lives of our congregational family. Federal patient privacy regulations limit the information that hospitals make available to clergy and volunteers.

We are encouraging you to contact the Temple office when a congregant is admitted to a hospital and wishes to have Rabbi visit during the hospital stay. Our goal is to meet the needs of all our congregants, and we can only do this with your help.

Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion can do so by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers with a donation to the Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund. The donation to the Fund is \$55. Just call the Vassar Temple Office at 454-2570.

Religious School Director: Three Examples of Success



While absolute numbers often seem easy to evaluate --- 28 is clearly more than 25, and just as clearly less than 30 --- their value as metrics of success is dubious, particularly when it comes to religious education. For example, which is a better indicator of success:

- 30 students who pass a Hebrew test the moment before they start forgetting the material or 28 students who love Hebrew so much that they never want to forget it?

- 28 students who attend school against their will or 25 students who attend because they want to?

- A student who enrolls even though s/he can only attend half of the classes (bringing down the average attendance rate of the school) or a student who doesn't enroll because s/he can't attend every class (raising the attendance rate)?

It doesn't take long before even absolute numbers take a backstage to murky value judgments.

How, then do we judge success? Here are three examples from our Hebrew

program this year that speak of success to me:

1. I came into school one Sunday morning and found that a student had written an offhand message on the whiteboard in a classroom after class on the previous Wednesday. Unlike surveys or other structured requests for feedback, what students spontaneously choose to write is a uniquely unfiltered window into what they are thinking. This time, a student had written "I love this class!"

2. At the beginning of the year, I got a new computer, and with it, a new security policy that required me to change my password with some regularity. At one point, short of time, I picked a word at random, and because I was sure I'd never remember it. I gave myself a password "hint" in the form of the word's translation into Hebrew. A couple of weeks ago, one of the students was fooling around trying to guess my password. After a wrong guess or two, the computer displayed my password hint, in Hebrew. The student recognized the Hebrew word from class, entered its English translation as my password, and gained access to my account.

3. A few months ago I taught one of the Hebrew classes. As it happens, some of the students that day were particularly captivated by folded paper fortune tellers, the kind that feature numbers and colors and thereby let a friend pick a fortune. The students insisted on knowing how to say the colors in Hebrew so they could create Hebrew fortune tellers. (They already knew the numbers.

The first example speaks to a particularly high level of enthusiasm among students, the second, to students who integrate what they learn into their lives, and the third, to students who want Hebrew to be part of what they love. Together, these point in the direction of a program that meets its dual goals of teaching children Hebrew and helping children embrace their Jewish heritage.

Dr. Joel Hoffman

Salute to Israel Parade in NYC



Jewish Federation of Dutchess County is sponsoring a FREE bus from Poughkeepsie to the **May 31st Salute to Israel Parade** on 5th Avenue in New York City

If you are interested in taking the free bus, you need to reserve your seat by **APRIL 17th** by calling Patty at the Federation at 471-9811.

Those who have gone to past *Salute to Israel* parades say it amazing to see so many Jewish people in one place, a variety of ages, sects and denominations, lining the streets for miles, all waving Israeli flags. This is the closest, most of us can get to Israel and a guaranteed way to experience Jewish pride!

May Tzedakah to Benefit Youth Shelter

A suspicious fire in January struck River Haven, Dutchess County's only shelter for runaway youth aged 10-17. River Haven is in the process of rebuilding, but needs our help. We are collecting money to assist them. Please be generous when you pass the tzedakah box by the stairs, or you can send a tax deductible check to Vassar Temple with "River Haven" on the memo line. To learn more about River Haven and a community fundraiser being held for them on May 2nd, see <https://www.facebook.com/riverhavenyouthshelter>.

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Articles for the June Bulletin must be submitted to the Temple office by May 1st. Sorry, we cannot take Bulletin articles over the phone! Articles may be sent via email to publicity@vassartemple.org. The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

Adult Education Courses

The Life Long Learning Adult Education program at Vassar Temple concludes its school year with two offerings during the month of May.

- *Judaism 101* final session: “Reform, Orthodox and the Movements of Modern Judaism,” Wed., May 6th at 7:00pm. Attendance at previous classes in this series is not necessary in order to participate, so please just come and join us.

- “*Jews Talking to Jews: The Sports Special*”

on Sunday, May 17th at 9:15am. Baseball, basketball, boxing, football, golf and other sports have long been a particularly intense source of fascination and enjoyment and will provide a fun topic for the morning’s discussion.

All adult education at Vassar Temple is free of charge and the entire community is warmly invited to attend. For more information please contact Marian Schwartz at Kickman492@aol.com or 845-849-0025.

Advocacy Day in Albany: May 4th

Advocacy Day is Reform Jewish Voice of NYS’s annual flagship event, to be held this year on Monday, May 4th in Albany, NY. Join other Reform Jews and numerous social justice leaders from across the State to learn about key legislation coming up in NYS and what Reform Jewish values can teach us about those issues. You will also have the opportunity to visit State Assembly and Senate offices to discuss those issues with your representatives or their aides.

Whether you have been to Advocacy Day before or this is your first time, it is a wonderful, exciting experience to interact with our elected officials and speak to them about important issues from a Reform Jewish perspective. Please contact Sarah Greenberg at (202) 387-2800 with any questions, or visit <http://rjvnys.org/advocacy-day/advocacy-day-2015/> to send a message or to register.

Judaica Shoppe Passover 101 Gets an A+

Sisterhood’s annual Passover 101 in the East Chapel earned high marks again this year. We offered Sephardic Haroset, chocolate covered matzah and the now-famous Passover 101 handout. Mazal tov to Bunnie Levenson whose Rhode style haroset won “Best of Show.” Thanks to Cathy Bokor and Laura Brundage for being our elegant hostesses.



French Toast Breakfast a Delicious Success!

Vassar Temple’s Sisterhood and Men’s Club showcased their extraordinary culinary talents at the Annual French Toast Breakfast they provided for our religious school children and guests last month. Mary Ritter, Judy Rosenfeld, David Samson and Michele Sinn brought in amazing “baked French toast” trays and joined the rest of the crew in serving, schlepping and eating, of course, at this annual event. Thanks also go to: Bob Abrams, Howard Brown, Jen Dahnert, Alan & Roz Kafowitz, Mark Metzger, Bob Ritter, Chuck Stein, Zoe Weinstein and Kamil Winiewsky. (Please forgive any omissions.)

Bob and Mary Ritter added another mitzvah by delivering leftovers to the Lunch Box. Winners all around!

A big “thank you” to all...see you again next year!

Jewish War Veterans Meetinging: May 3rd

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold a regular monthly meeting on Sunday, May 3rd at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue in Poughkeepsie. The meeting begins at 9:30am.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the United States armed forces (Active, Reserve, or National Guard) are cordially invited to attend and participate in the activities of this JWV Post.

As Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the synagogue. If you need a ride or for further information, please contact the Post Commander, Robert L. Morrison, at ROBL56@aol.com.



Tzedakah to Help Youngsters

When victims of domestic violence flee their homes, they often leave with just the clothes on their back. Money collected in the Tzedakah Box by the staircase during the month of April will be used to purchase much needed pairs of socks for children who are staying at Grace Smith House domestic violence shelter. We will report on April's Tzedakah success in the June Bulletin as this article went to press in late March.



All the socks we can get, along with toiletries, comfort toys, and fun items, will be packaged in tote bags decorated by religious school students as part of a project taking place on Mitzvah Day on May 3rd. For further information, please contact socialaction@vassar temple.org.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

For an unforgettable evening of community, spirituality and discovery, come to the Tikkun Leil Shavuot (erev Shavuot program) Saturday evening, **May 23rd**, presented jointly by Vassar Temple, Temple Beth El, and Congregation Shir Chadash, and hosted in Temple Beth El's building.

The study session portion of the program will be co-led by the clergy of the three temples (Rabbis Golomb, Barnett, Hyman and Polish). Following the theme "Finding Ourselves in the Text," each rabbi will explore his/her favorite selections from the Talmudic tractate Brachot, which contains many of the fundamental Jewish prayers, blessings and rituals, and we will discuss how these teachings can touch

our own lives as well.

The evening will open with scrumptious traditional Shavuot dairy refreshments and an opportunity to socialize at 8:30pm, followed by a brief Ma'ariv (evening) service at 9:00pm and the tikkun (study session) at 9:30pm.

It is traditional to come together for study the eve before Shavuot to prepare ourselves spiritually to receive the Torah the next day. So even if you never have done so before, join with members of our temple and the broader local Jewish community to prepare to celebrate the giving of the Torah on Shavuot this year.



May 31st: Save the Date for Rabbi Golomb! Whiskey-Scotch Men's Dinner

Net proceeds will benefit the Rabbi Paul Golomb Adult Education Fund.

Time: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Artist Palate in Poughkeepsie

Price: ~\$120.00

Contact: Joel Zaritsky at jizdds@optonline.net or Allen Kram at ankram26@gmail.com



More info will be emailed to the congregation in May.

Yahrzeits

May 1

Naomi Berkowitz
Ruth Edna Day
Anna Dreishpoon
Jacob Ettenson
Gertrude Fink
Frances R. Finnerman
David L. Golomb
Lillian Kapner
Edith Kaufherr
Faye Prisansky Kaufman
Beverly Kelly
Shirley Kornhauser
Irving D. Kraut
Julius Laks
Bessie Goldman Lass
Gertrude Levene
Betty Prussin Levitan
Reuben Lewis
Edward Moffit
Claire Troeger Moselle
Lloyd L. Rosenthal
Samuel Satz
Stanley Shapiro
Sara Silberman
Wilfred Sumner
Abraham Tavss
Lewis Troeger
Robert Uttal
Dr. Wolfgang U. Weigert

May 8

Ida Albinder
Samuel Blaine
Samuel Bronfeld
Samuel Cederbaum
Toby U. Cederbaum
Sarah Chernack
Victor Collen
Betty Fein
Martin Frankel
Edna Gibell
Eugene Jacobs
Walter Kallman
Helen Danilin Klein
Mary Kovacs
Louis Lipp
Gayle Margolin
Ruth Myer
Sylvia Pearlman
Eva Revitz
Paul Reznikoff
Jack Rubinstein
Jeanne Schwartz
David Lawrence Wolfson

May 15

Bernard "Paul" Buchalter
Charlotte Cohen
Dr. Boris Czesler
William B. Erdreich
Henry Feder
Hyman Hoffman
Josephine Lion Kahn
Charles Kagan
Marjorie F. Katz
Flora Laks
Nathan Landau
Kurt Lemberger
Joseph Markoe
Charlotte Miller
Bernice D. Rabin
Abraham J. Salit
Leonard Schuyler
Samuel Sigalow
Leo Tauber
Alan Taylor
Bertha Troeger

May 22

Ruth Browner
Martin Cohen
Louis Diamond
Hyman Fink
Liz Freedman
Martin Gally
Rabbi Abraham
Hasselkorn
David M. Horn
Harold Jacobs
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May 29

Seymour Bersak
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Stuart Chertock
Joshua Collen
Rachel Diamond
Annie Givner
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| Men's Club Co-Presidents: | Dave Samson & Dave Wolf |
| Immediate Past President: | Bob Abrams |
| Youth Group President: | Brianna Erlebacher |



May 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 Can Jam 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 2 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Morning Service |
| 3 Mitzvah Day 9am R/S | 4 Advocacy Day | 5 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class | 6 4:30pm Hebrew 6:30pm R/S 7pm Adult Ed—What is Halakah | 7 10am SEP | 8 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 9 9am Torah Study 10am Sims Bar Mitzvah |
| 10 No R/S | 11 7pm Exec Committee | 12 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class | 13 4:30pm NO Hebrew 6:30pm R/S 7pm Adult Ed—Judaism 101, Jewish Movements | 14 10am SEP | 15 6:00pm Family Dinner 7:30pm Generations Shabbat Service | 16 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths |
| 17 9am Last Day R/S 9:15am Adult Ed—Jews talking to Jews—Sports | 18 7pm Board of Trustees meeting | 19 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class | 20 4:30pm Hebrew 6:30pm R/S | 21 10am SEP | 22 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 23 9am Torah Study Tikun Leil Shavuot |
| 24 | 25 Office Closed | 26 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class | 27 6:30pm Last Day R/S 7pm Finance Committee meeting | 28 10am SEP | 29 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 30 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths |
| 31 4pm Save the Date - Whiskey-Scotch Dinner In Honor of Rabbi Golomb Israel parade in NYC. | | | | | | |